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EXPERT WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE
OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Buenos Aires, 13 – 16 September 2005

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision VII/12, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity invited Parties, Governments, and relevant organizations to initiate a process for the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, “to convene a series of technical experts workshops on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources”.
2. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of technical expert regional workshops with financial assistance from the Government of the Netherlands. The Latin America and Caribbean Regional Expert Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity is the second such regional workshop. It will take place in Buenos Aires, at the kind invitation of the Government of Argentina, from 13 to 16 September 2005.
3. In accordance with paragraph 5 of decision VII/12, the Workshop will focus on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources. Further to paragraph 3 of decision VII/12, the workshop will also put focus on, but not be limited to, agricultural biodiversity. It will provide a forum for government officials and practitioners to enhance their awareness and understanding of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, to analyse their applicability, with focus on applicability to agricultural biodiversity, and promote the use of these guidelines in an integrated manner, as a contribution to facilitating the achievement of the 2010 target, sustainable development and poverty alleviation.
4. Participants in the Workshop have been invited to present case-studies on the sustainable use of biological resources in their countries. Guidelines for the preparation of case-studies were provided to participants in advance of the Workshop. The review of the case-studies will focus on, as appropriate: (i)

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best practices and lessons learned from the use of components of biological diversity; (ii) implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity; (iii) lessons learned as regards ecosystem services assessment; and (iv) lessons learned as regards financial costs and benefits associated with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

5. Participants in the Workshop were selected from among government-designated experts, based on their expertise and taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution.

6. In order to prepare adequately for the regional workshop, a training manual on the *Sustaining Uses of Biological Diversity* has been prepared by IUCN in coordination with the Secretariat. The manual will be distributed to all participants at the venue of the workshop.

7. The Secretariat has circulated an information note for participants containing details on logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. The representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the Workshop at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 September 2005. Representatives from the host country and the Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA), as the designated local organizer, will make introductory remarks. Introductory remarks will also be given by the representative from IUCN, who will act as facilitator to the meeting.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

9. The Workshop will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/RW-SU-LAC/1), which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in line with paragraph 5 of decision VII/12 of the Conference of the Parties.

2.2. Organization of work

10. The languages of the meeting will be Spanish and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

11. A suggested timetable for the Workshop, indicating the allocation of time for each agenda item, is provided in annex II below.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS USED IN THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY AND OTHER CBD RELEVANT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS

12. In order to facilitate the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, the clear understanding of terms and concepts used is essential.

13. In light of this, participants will be invited to review a number of terms and concepts to ensure that they are communicating effectively. They will also be invited to review a number of other relevant tools and instruments that were developed under the Convention and may provide further guidance in the

implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines. In line with the focus of the workshop, attention will also be given to the conceptual guidance on agricultural biodiversity as developed under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY

14. The fourteen Addis Ababa Principles for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity will be briefly introduced and reviewed by the facilitator. The rationale of each principle along with the operational guidance provided in the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be explained, and where possible, case-study examples will be presented to illustrate the relevance of the principle using “real-life” situations.

15. Under this agenda item, participants are invited to review the Addis Ababa Guidelines by presenting and considering, as appropriate, case-study information provided by participants prior to the Workshop.

ITEM 5. APPLICATION OF THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY, IN PARTICULAR TO AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY

16. As explained under item 4 above, the Addis Ababa Principles are of general relevance, although not all principles will apply equally to all situations, nor will they apply with equal rigour. Application of the Principles will vary according to the biodiversity being used, the conditions under which they are being used, and the institutional and cultural context in which the use is taking place. The application of these Principles should be in the context of the ecosystem approach, as endorsed at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Kuala Lumpur in February 2004.

17. Under this agenda item, experts will be invited to explore the applicability of the Addis Ababa Guidelines to concrete biodiversity-management situations by elaborating management plans using case-study information provided by participants prior to the Workshop. In line with the focus of the workshop, participants will be invited to pay particular attention to their applicability to agricultural biodiversity.

ITEM 6. ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ASSESSMENT

18. Conservation of biodiversity is essential as a source of particular biological resources, to maintain different ecosystem services, to maintain the resilience of ecosystems, and to provide options for the future. The benefits that biodiversity provides to people have not been well reflected in decision-making and resource management and, thus, the current rate of biodiversity loss is higher than what it would be, had these benefits been taken into account.

19. Tools exist for an assessment of the consequences of biodiversity loss for human well-being, but most decisions continue to be made in the absence of a detailed analysis of the full costs, risks and benefits. Various valuation methods are available to estimate the different biodiversity values and their changes under different policy or management alternatives. Despite the existence of these tools, only provisioning ecosystem services are routinely valued.

20. After a brief introduction by the facilitator, under this item, experts may wish to consider the following issues: (i) the impacts of sustainable use and non-sustainable use on livelihoods, and ecosystems good and services; (ii) socio-economic factors that influence pattern and intensity of use of

biological resources; and (iii) economic and social values of goods and services provided by ecosystems. In line with the focus of the workshop, participants will be invited to give particular attention to agricultural biodiversity in their deliberations. As appropriate, the discussion will be based on selected regional case-studies to be presented by participants.

21. Under this item, participants will also be invited to consider the Biodiversity Synthesis Report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, on ecosystems and human well-being.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

22. Biodiversity policies and the management of biodiversity resources have different types of costs and benefits, including financial costs and benefits, that need to be adequately taken into account for effective policy planning and decision-making. Moreover, these costs and benefits are changing the distributional patterns that existed before the introduction of the policy. They are distributed between different groups, on a different geographical scale and across different time horizons.

23. After a brief introduction by the facilitator, participants may wish to review the different types of costs and benefits associated with conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and in particular agricultural biodiversity, address the role of financial costs and benefits, and discuss possible distributional effects and their implications for the successful implementation of biodiversity policies and programmes. As appropriate, the discussion will be based on selected regional case-studies to be presented by participants.

24. Participants will also be invited to consider the above-mentioned Biodiversity Synthesis Report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

ITEM 8. ASSESSMENT OF THE WORKSHOP

25. A brief assessment of the Workshop will give participants the opportunity to evaluate to what extent it met their expectations and its objectives. Feedback will help update/revise the programme to better serve participants in future workshops on the subject.

ITEM 9. OTHER MATTERS

26. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other issues related to the subject matter of the Workshop, including suggestions for further activities on sustainable use under the Convention.

ITEM 10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

27. Participants in the Workshop will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the representative of the Secretariat.

ITEM 11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

28. The Workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 16 September 2005.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
REGIONAL EXPERT WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/RW-SU-LAC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/RW-SU-LAC/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
	Manual on Sustaining Uses of Biological Diversity
<i>Additional document</i>	<i>Title</i>
	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Biodiversity Synthesis Report

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL
EXPERT WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Time	(Tuesday) 13 September 2005	(Wednesday) 14 September 2005	(Thursday) 15 September 2005	(Friday) 16 September 2005
09h00- 10h00	<i>Agenda Item 1:</i> Opening of the meeting Host Country comments – Secretary of Environment, Secretary of Agriculture and National Director of INTA Introductions of workshop Support Team Introduction of participants	<i>Agenda item 4 (continued).</i>	<i>Agenda item 6:</i> Ecosystem services assessment	<i>Agenda item 7 (continued).</i>
10h00 – 10h30	<i>Agenda item 2:</i> 2.1. Adoption of the agenda 2.2. Organization of the work			
10h30-11h00	Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break
11h00-12h00	<i>Agenda Item 3:</i> Review of key terms and concepts and other CBD relevant tools and instruments	<i>Agenda item 5:</i> Application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, in particular to agricultural biodiversity	<i>Agenda item 6 (continued)</i>	<i>Agenda item 8:</i> Assessment of the Workshop.
12h00-13h00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13h00-14h30	<i>Agenda item 4:</i> Review of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines	<i>Agenda item 5 (continued)</i>	<i>Agenda item 6 (continued):</i>	<i>Agenda item 9:</i> Other matters. <i>Agenda item 10:</i> Adoption of the report
14h30-15h00	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break
15h00-17h00	<i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i>	<i>Agenda item 5 (continued).</i>	<i>Agenda item 7:</i> Financial costs and benefits associated with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity	<i>Agenda item 11:</i> Closure of the meeting Final comments by Sub-Secretary of Environment and National Director of INTA
17.30-18.30	<i>SIDE EVENTS (to be determined by local organizers)</i>	<i>SIDE EVENTS (to be determined by local organizers)</i>	<i>SIDE EVENTS (to be determined by local organizers)</i>	
20:45-22:45			<i>RECEPTION</i>	
